

REMARKS

With the above amendments, claims 30, 42, 45, and 48 are pending in the present application, each of which are independent claims, and claims 1-29, 31-41, 43, 44, 46, 47, and 49 have been canceled. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejections discussed below be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action at the bottom of page 11, claims 42 and 48 are allowed over the prior art. Applicants thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

In addition, claims 30 and 45 have not been rejected and, as such, are also allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Nayar

On pages 3-11 of the Office Action, in section 4, claims 2-12, 14-28, 32-41, 43-44, 46-47, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nayar (U.S. Patent Number 6,215,519) in view of Applicants allegedly admitted prior art.

Claims 2-12, 14-28, 32-41, 43-44, 46-47, and 49 have been canceled rendering this rejection moot.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.
In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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